

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in this application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has found allowable subject matter in Claims 11-12.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rune et al. (U.S. 2002/0025815), which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,829,428, in view of in view of Willars et al. (U.S. 6,889,050).

Please note that the earliest filing date of Willars et al. is November 22, 2000, and the priority date of the present application is November 23, 2000, a difference of one day. Filed herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 antedating Willars et al. In support thereof and filed herewith is an invention disclosure, and an English language translation thereof. Also provided is a certified English language translation of the priority document, KPA 10-2003-0053620.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-12, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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